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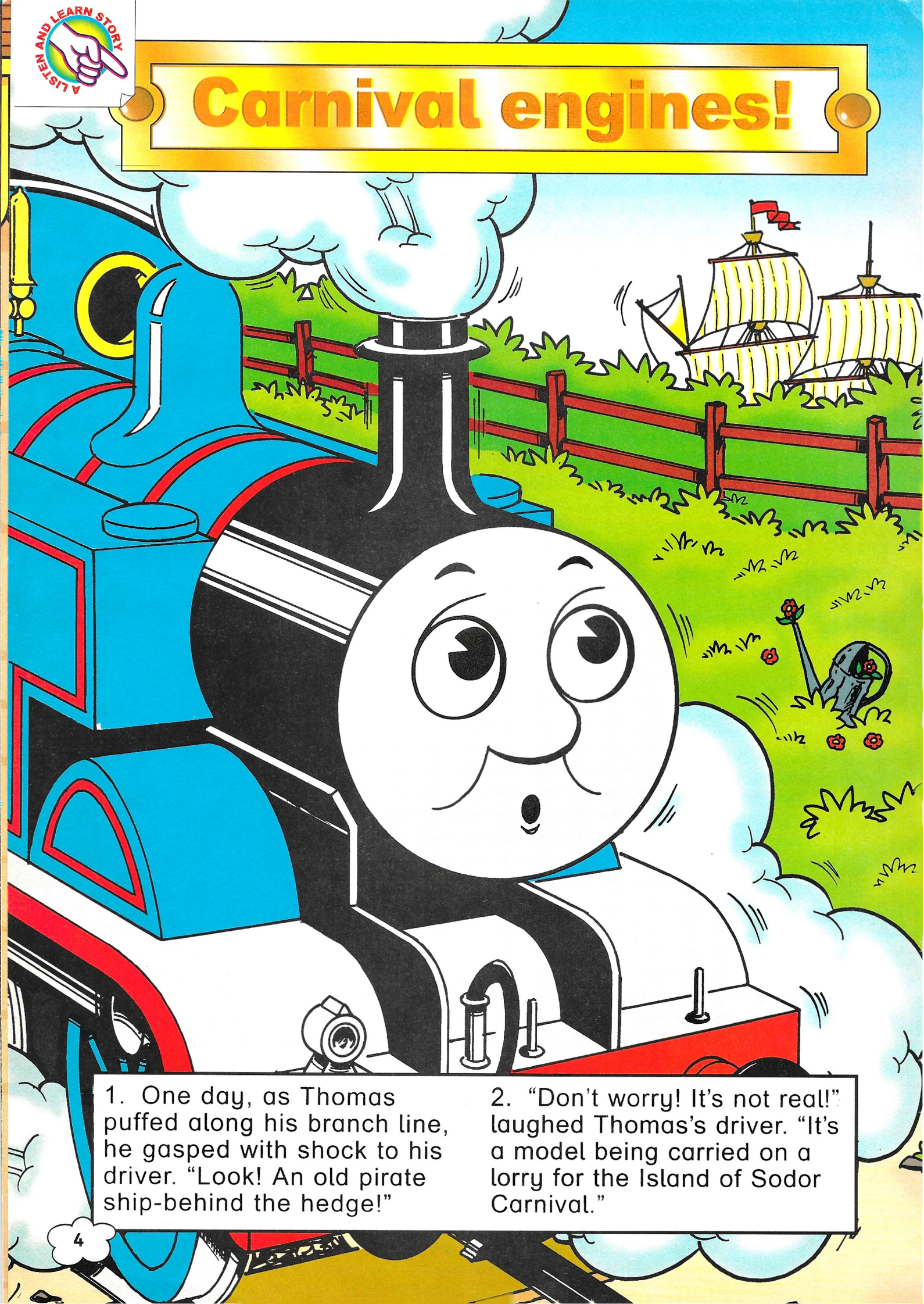
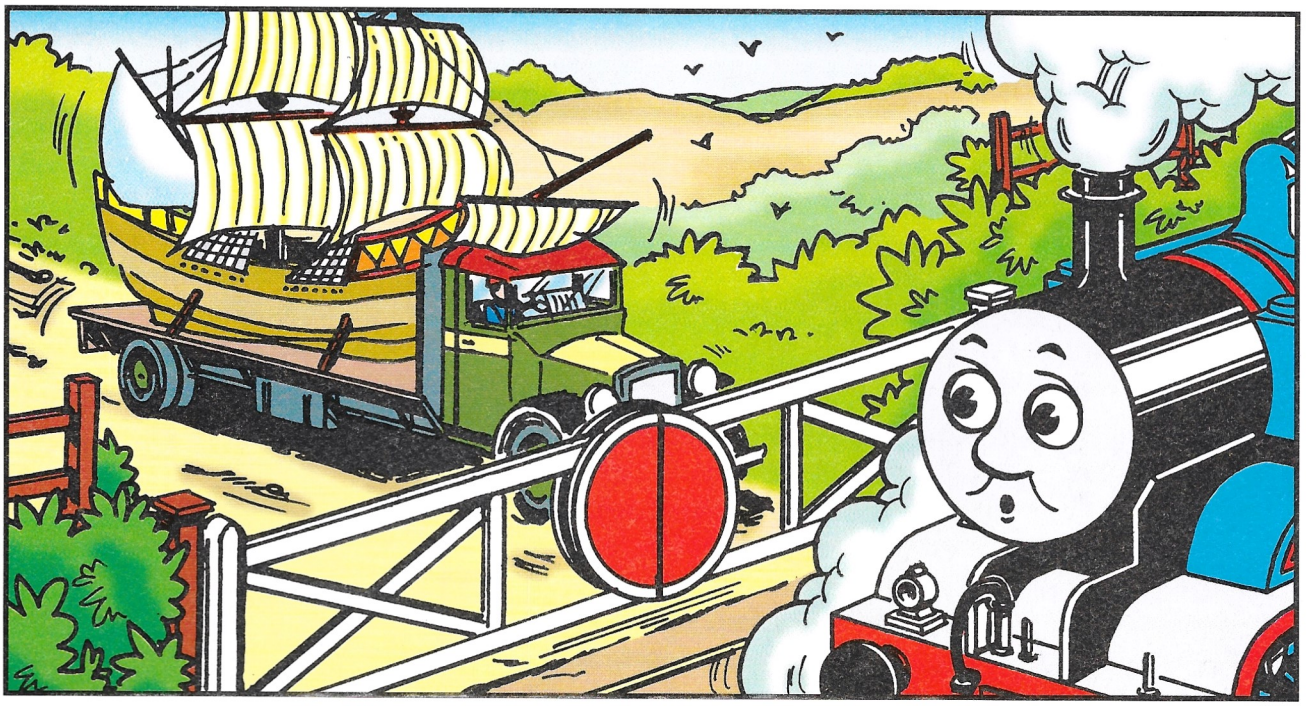


Carnival engines!

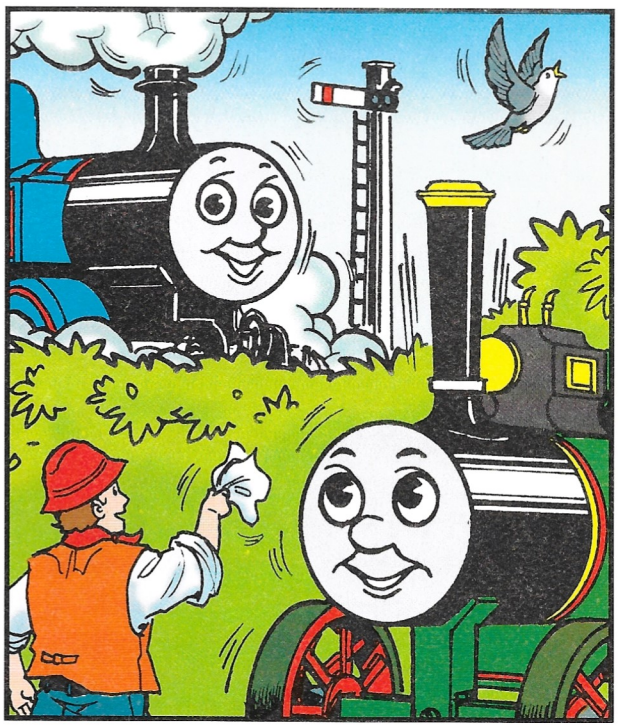
1. One day, as Thomas puffed along his branch line, he gasped with shock to his driver. "Look! An old pirate ship-behind the hedge!"

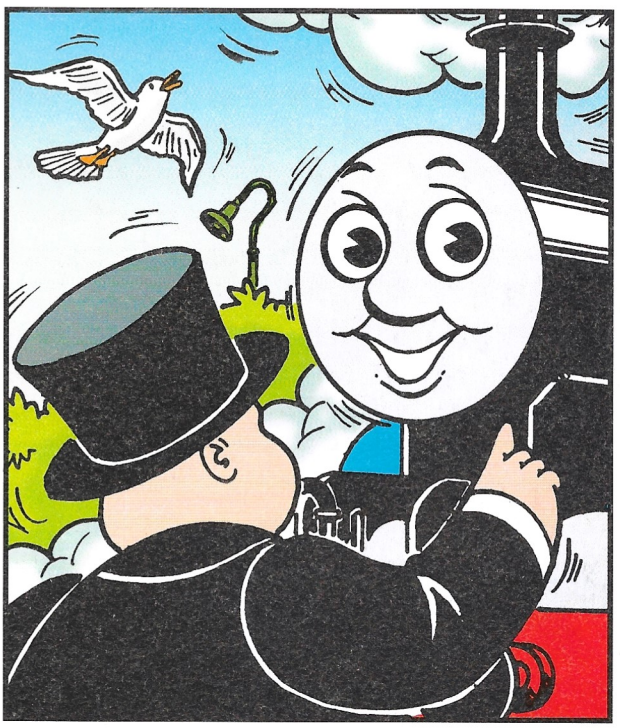
2. "Don't worry! It's not real!" laughed Thomas's driver. "It's a model being carried on a lorry for the Island of Sodor Carnival."



3. Thomas was still very surprised to see it. He looked at the lorry which carried the model ship, as it stopped at the level-crossing.

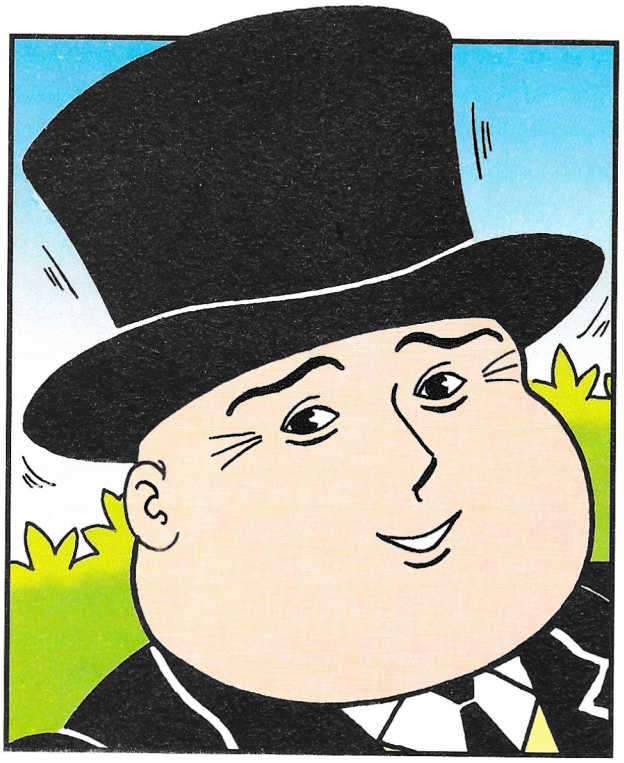
4. "The carnival begins next Saturday!" said Thomas's driver. Later, Thomas stopped near the vicarage orchard and waited for a signal to change.



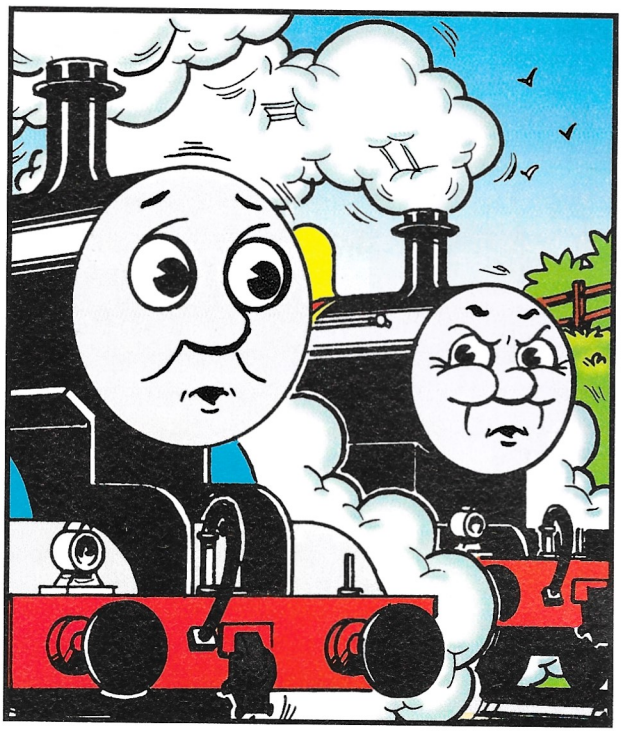


5. Jem Cole was polishing Trevor the Traction Engine until his paintwork shone. "Hello, Thomas!" called Trevor. "I'm going to be in the carnival!"

6. Trevor was very excited. "I wish I could take part!" said Thomas. Later, the Fat Controller spoke to Thomas's driver at the Main Station.



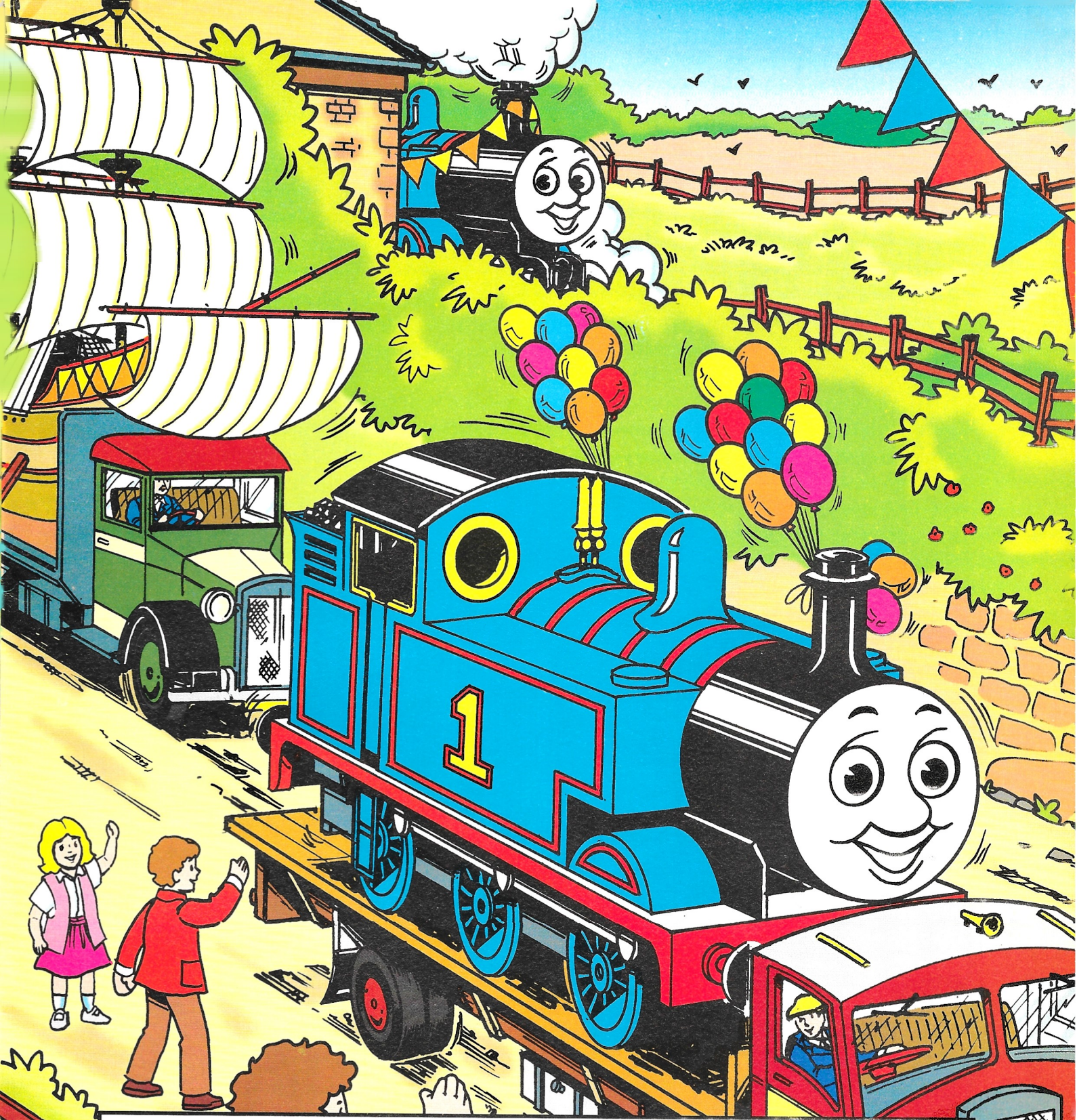
7. "I want one of my engines to be in the carnival!" he told Thomas's driver. "Thomas will be on show, too!" Thomas cheered but he was puzzled.



8. He proudly told the other engines his news. "How can a tank engine join a carnival?" asked James. "Doesn't the carnival go by road?"

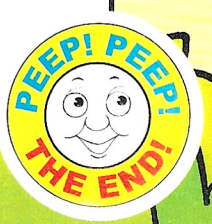
9. "I don't know!" replied Thomas. "I only run on rails!" On the day of the carnival, Thomas was thoroughly cleaned early in the morning.

10. Balloons and flags were tied on Thomas. "You're to pull the Carnival Special," said his driver, "to carry passengers to the procession."



11. "So that's how I'm to help!" said Thomas. With Annie and Clarabel, he took lots of people to Wellsworth. Near the station, he saw that the carnival was about to begin. He noticed the pirate ship, along with other 'floats' too. A band played as the carnival procession set off.

12. Suddenly, Thomas spotted a blue tank engine rolling along behind a model dragon. "It's me!" he cried. "Yes! The Fat Controller had a model of you built," said his driver. Thomas was very proud, especially when the children cheered his float the loudest!



Make a model!

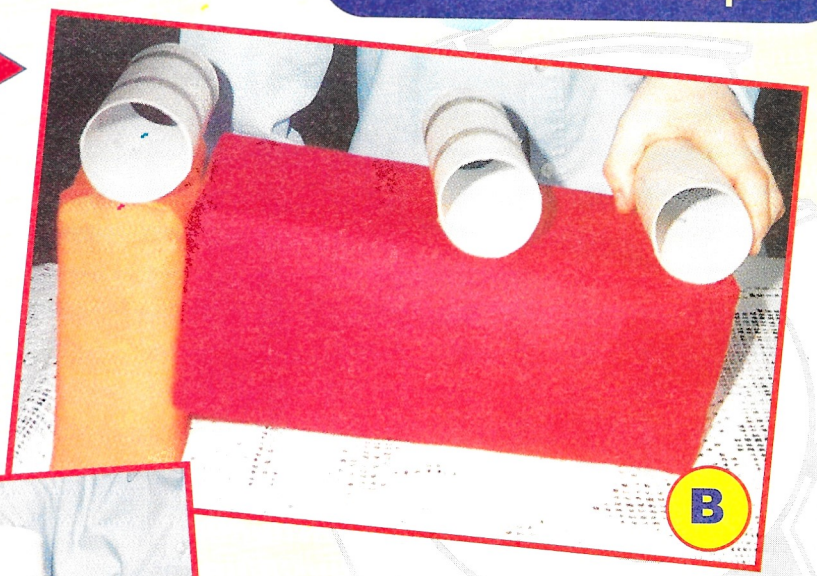
How would you like to make your very own splendid model of Thomas the Tank Engine? Well here's your chance! It's easy and fun to make when you follow this step by step guide!

You will need:

two boxes (use a tea bag box for the tank and sugar-cube box for the cab)
an egg box,
4 toilet rolls,
a margarine lid,
some coloured paper,
poster paint,
a black marker pen,
safe glue or double sided tape,
and rounded scissors.

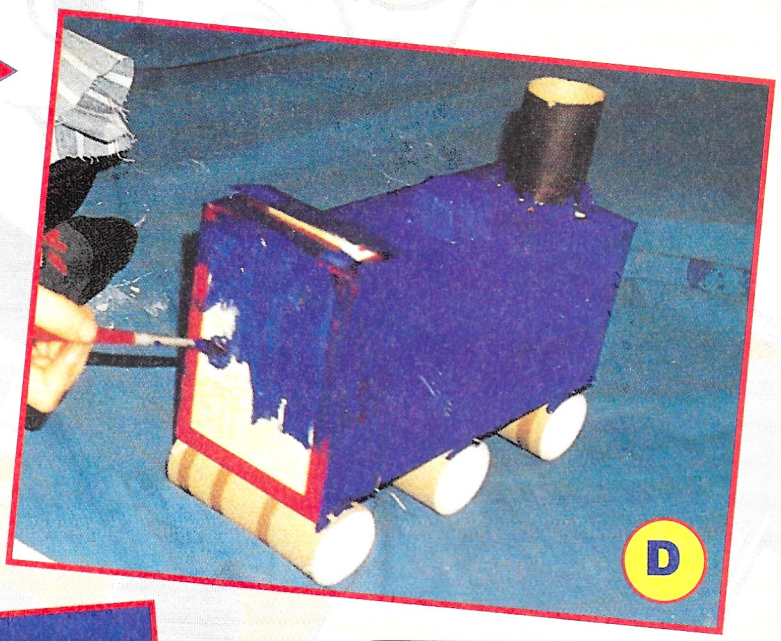
Cover the two boxes with coloured paper. Stick together the two boxes using glue or double sided tape.

Using glue or double sided tape, stick three toilet rolls along the base of the engine. These will be the engine's wheels.

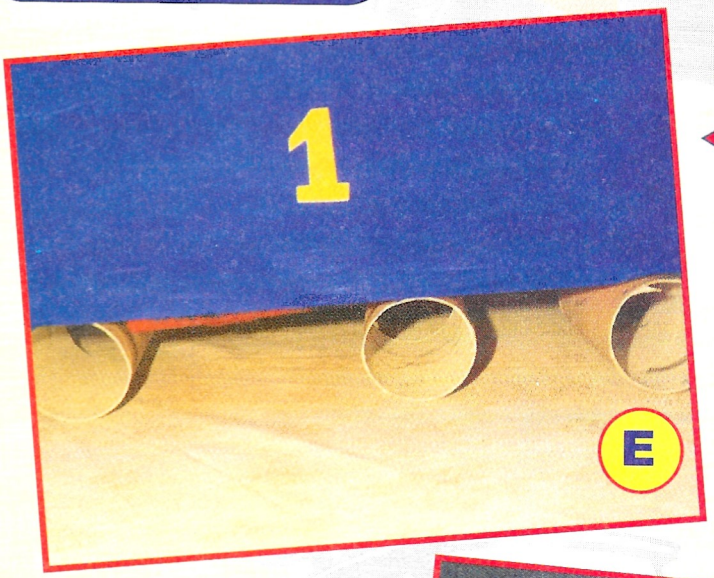


Glue your last toilet roll to the body of the engine to make a funnel.

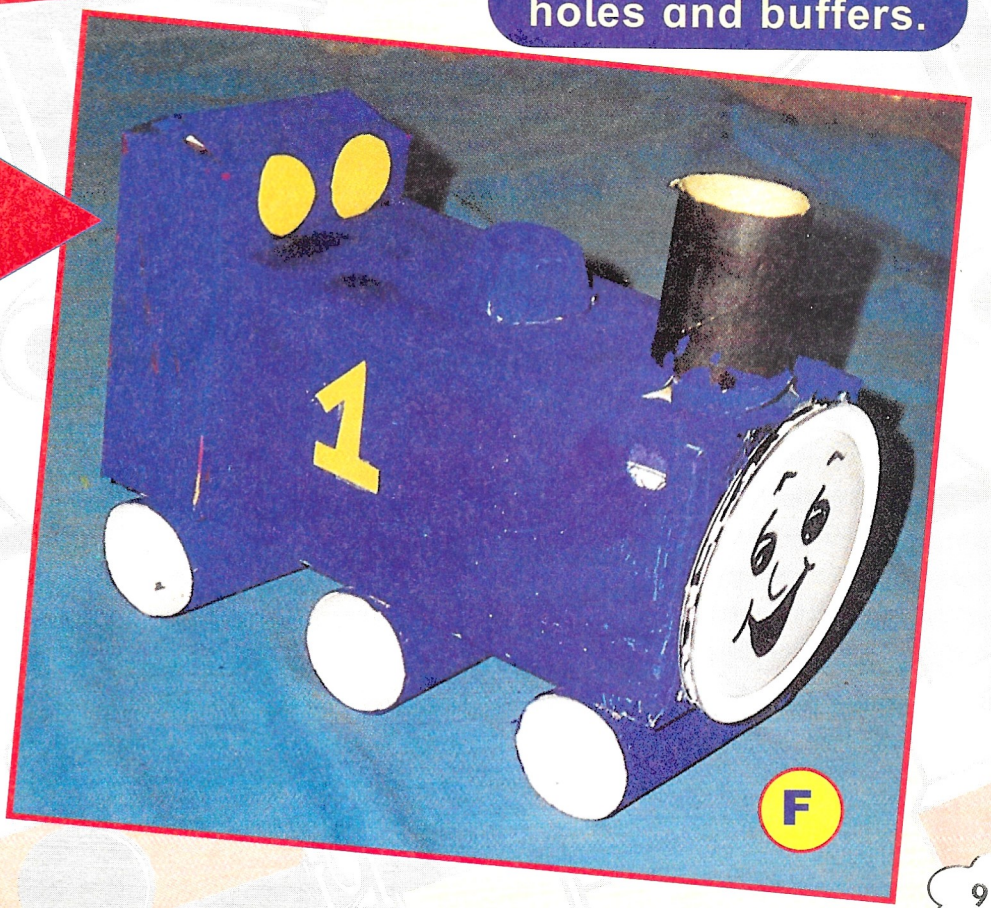
Now that you have your basic engine shape, you can paint your model engine with your chosen colour. In our example, we have chosen to use Thomas's blue colour.



When the paint has dried, you can add on the other engine details. Use paint or cut out shapes of coloured paper to make up the number of the engine, the port holes and buffers.



Draw the face of your engine on to the back of your margarine lid, then stick the face onto the front of your engine.



YOUR LETTERS

STAR LETTER!

The sender of any letter that is printed as our STAR LETTER will win a splendid Thomas push and pull motorised engine!

CLEAN ENGINES!

Dear Fat Controller,
Could you tell me who washes the engines, and do they like having a wash?
Love from **Martin Stephens.**

The drivers wash the engines with long brushes and soapy water. All the engines enjoy being washed and they work better when they are clean and shiny.

BRANCH LINE ENGINES!

Dear Fat Controller,
Please can you tell me which engines work on Thomas's branch line?
Love from **Joshua Wallis**, aged 5

Edward, Percy and Daisy all work with Thomas on his branch line. Daisy works at Ffarquhar Station, which is at the end of Thomas's branch line.

JAMES'S FRIENDS!

Dear Fat Controller,
One of my favourite engines is James. Could you tell me who his friends are and how long he has been working with the other engines?
Love from **Liam Skinner**, aged 2.

James has many friends on my railway but he knows Gordon better than the other engines because he often pulls his Express coaches!

PHOTO OF THE FORTNIGHT!

Dear Fat Controller,
Here is a picture of me wearing my train driver's hat. I really love Thomas and the other engines. When I grow up, I want to be a train driver!
Love from **Bradley Haywood**, aged 5.

BIRTHDAYS!

Happy Birthday to...

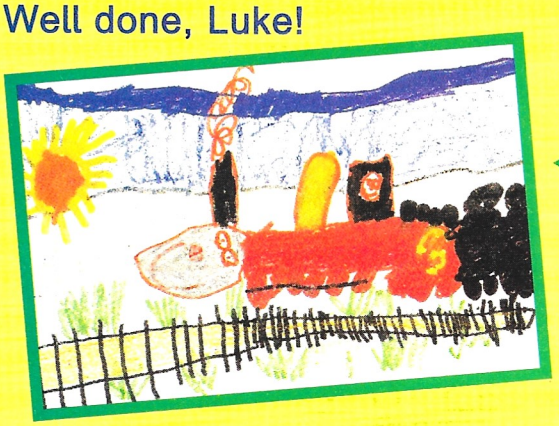
Benjamin John Little, Melody Louise Phillips, Amy Richards, Steven Alderson, Jamie Harvey, David Tinley and Sarah Howells.

Drawing Board!

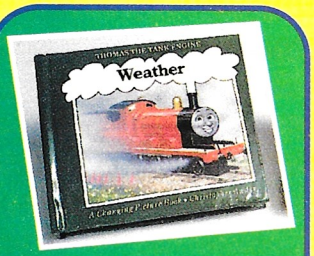
Thank you for sending your smashing drawings and pictures to the Fat Controller's Drawing Board!

This is a splendid picture of Thomas puffing past Gordon's Hill. This was drawn by **Peter Thomas, aged 7.** Look at the bright rainbow!

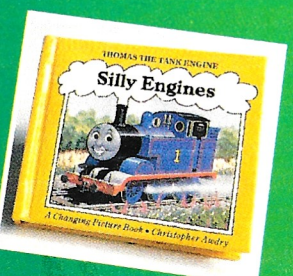
This picture of Percy has been drawn by **Luke Babbington,** who lives in Australia. Well done, Luke!



My congratulations go out to **Thomas Hill, aged 5,** who has drawn a great picture of James, the Red Engine, working on a sunny day.



Anyone who has a drawing printed on this page will win a special Thomas Changing Picture Book!



Here's another great picture of Thomas pulling some stubborn trucks! This was drawn by **Sam Welsh, aged 6.**

If you would like to have your drawing or painting displayed on this page, then please send your entries to: The Fat Controller's Drawing Board, Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends, Marvel Comics Ltd., 13-15 Arundel St., London, WC2R 3DX.

CUT OUT AND KEEP

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- Which engine can you see?
- What colour is he?
- What can you see in the sky that begins with the letter 'R'?

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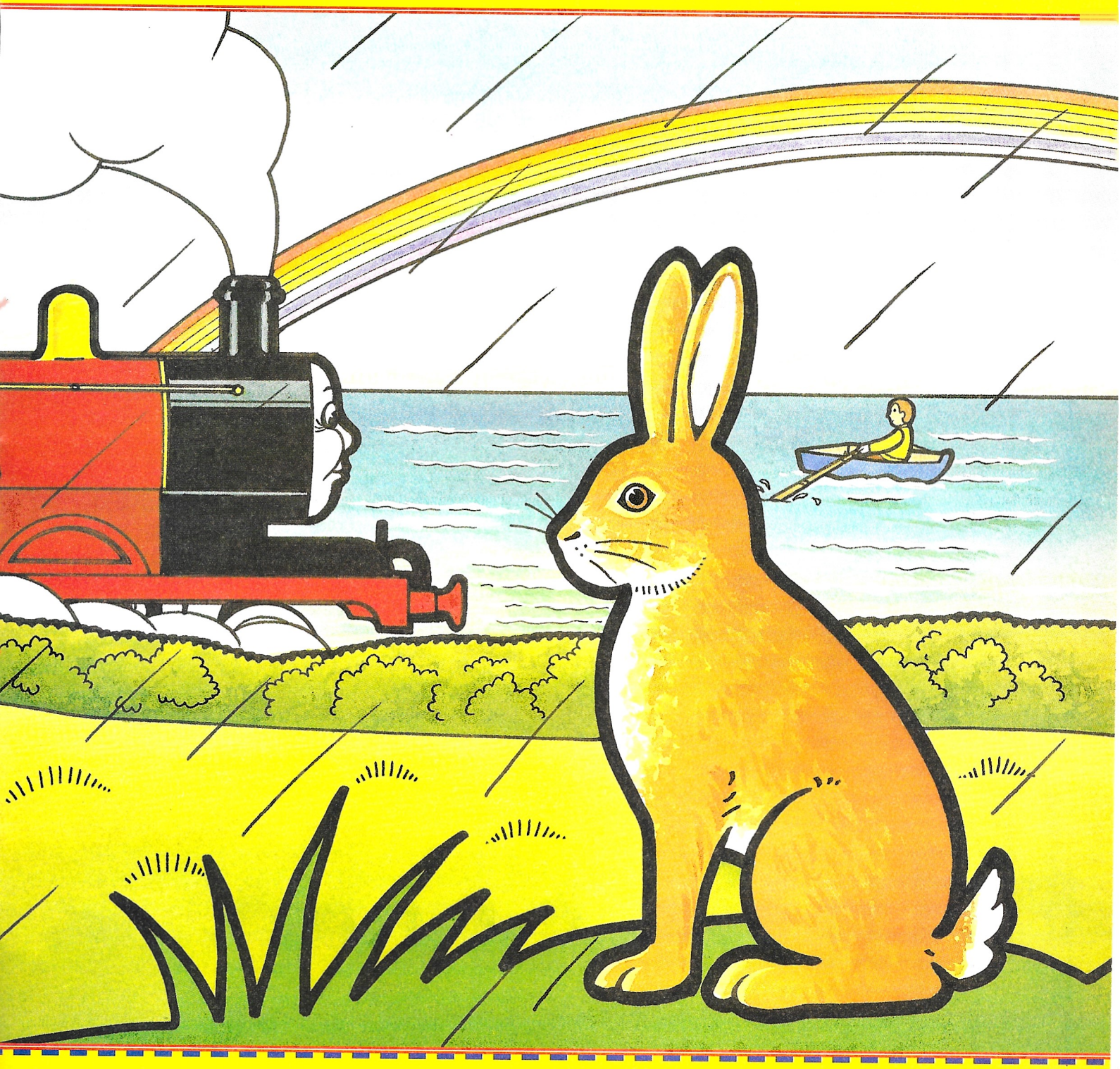


the rowing-boat!

animal can you see?

olour is the boy's raincoat?

the caterpillar!

This centre spread should be cut out as it forms part of a continuous scene for your child's bedroom, playgroup or classroom.

A READ ALOUD STORY

PEEP! PEEP!

Model engine!

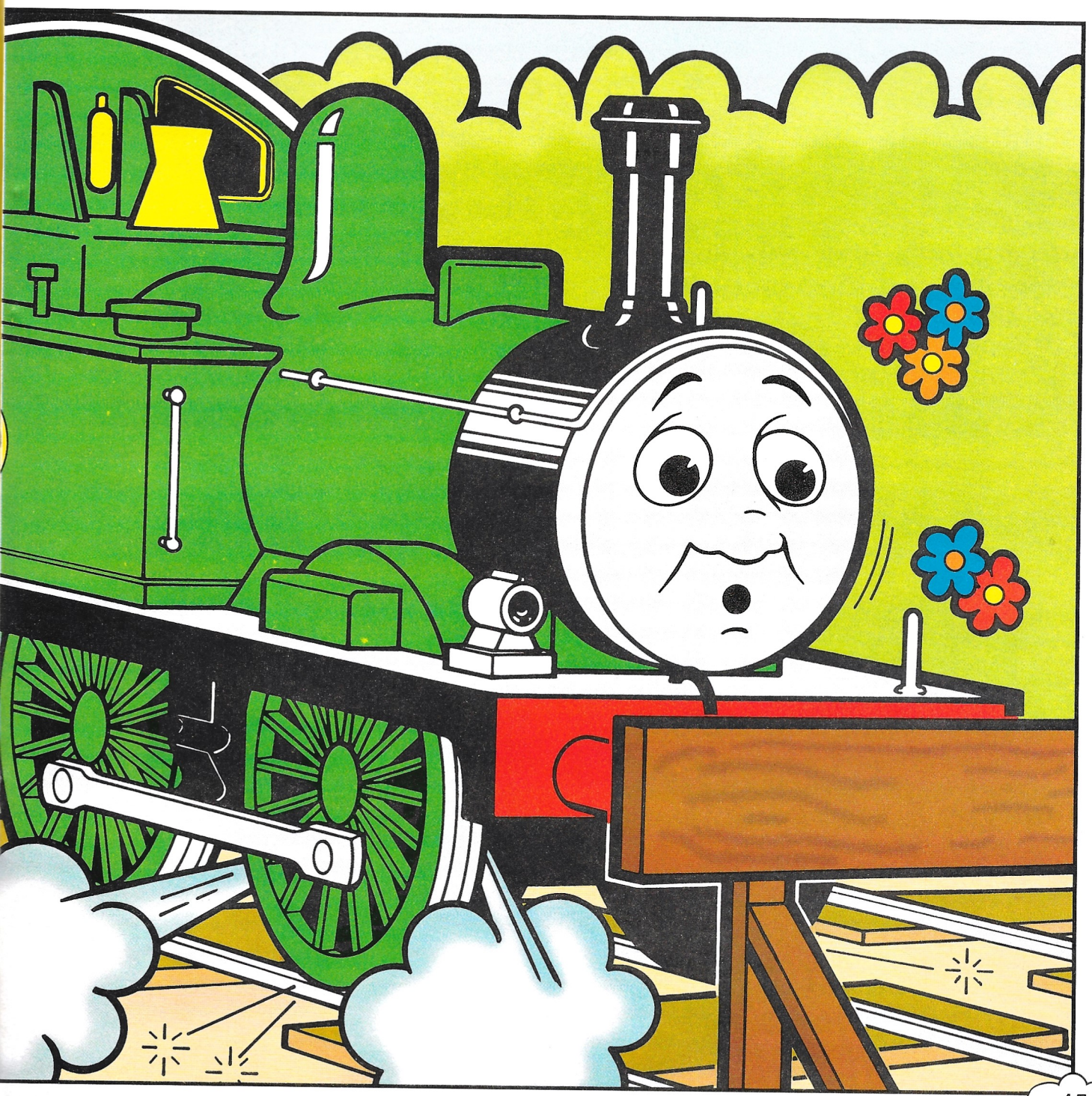
Oliver was a happy, hard-working engine. But he never forgot that he was rescued from scrap. The thought of it made his wheels wobble. One afternoon, as Oliver returned to the Main Station yard, he overheard the Fat Controller talking to one of

his special visitors.

"That's settled!" said the visitor. "I'll build a new Oliver!" Oliver was so shocked that he almost bumped into some buffers. But soon the Fat Controller brought the visitor to meet Oliver.

"You must go with my friend to the scrapyard straightaway, Oliver!" said the Fat Controller.

Just then, the Stationmaster called. There was a signal failure on the Main Line. The Fat Controller hurried off to arrange for it to be



repaired. The special visitor climbed aboard Oliver's guard's van and Oliver set off. He looked sad when he met Thomas at the junction.

"It's the end of the line for me!" called Oliver. Soon, Thomas told the other engines. They all stopped work until the Fat Controller promised them Oliver would not be scrapped.

"Of course he won't be!" said the Fat Controller, loudly.

Later, Oliver returned looking very relieved. The driver helped the visitor lift down a big piece of scrap metal from the guard's van.

"That's what I was sent to collect!" Oliver told Thomas.

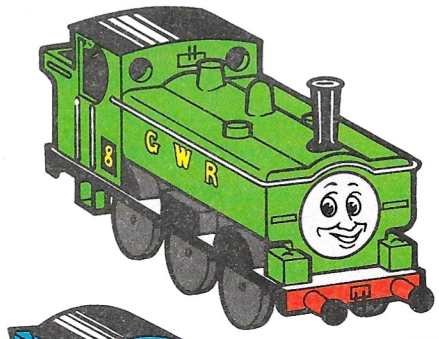
"Your passenger is a sculptor, Oliver," said the Fat Controller. "He makes **models** from metal. He decided to build a model of you for his next exhibition because I said you were a Really Useful Engine!" Oliver felt very proud.

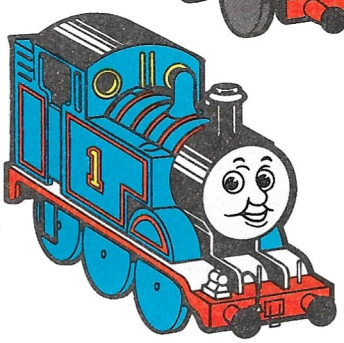
Meanwhile, Thomas and the other engines rolled away to carry on working.

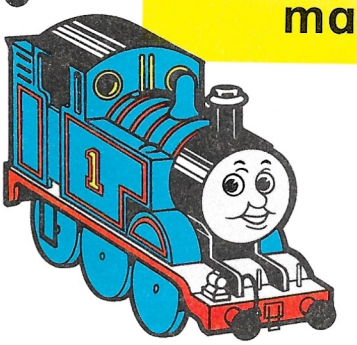
"Hurry!" puffed Thomas. "Before we're sent for scrap!"

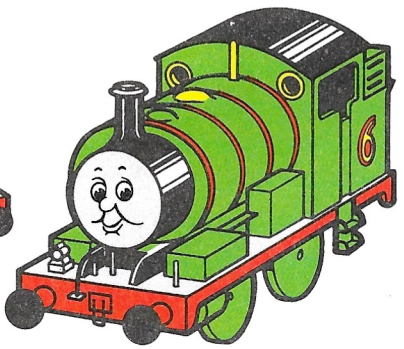
MATCH THE MODELS!

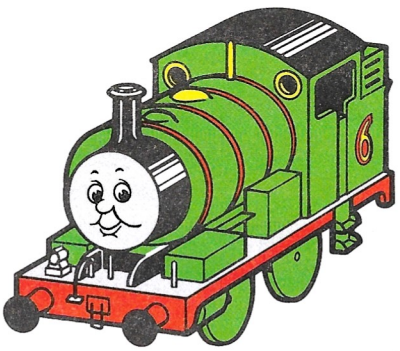
Which engines look the same? Use a coloured pen and join up the matching pairs!

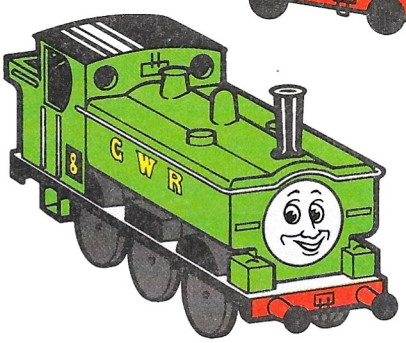












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Send your answers on a postcard, along with your name, age and address, to: **Thomas Playhouse Competition, Heart Fashions & Designs, 37a High Street, Walsall Wood, West Midlands, WS9 9LR.**

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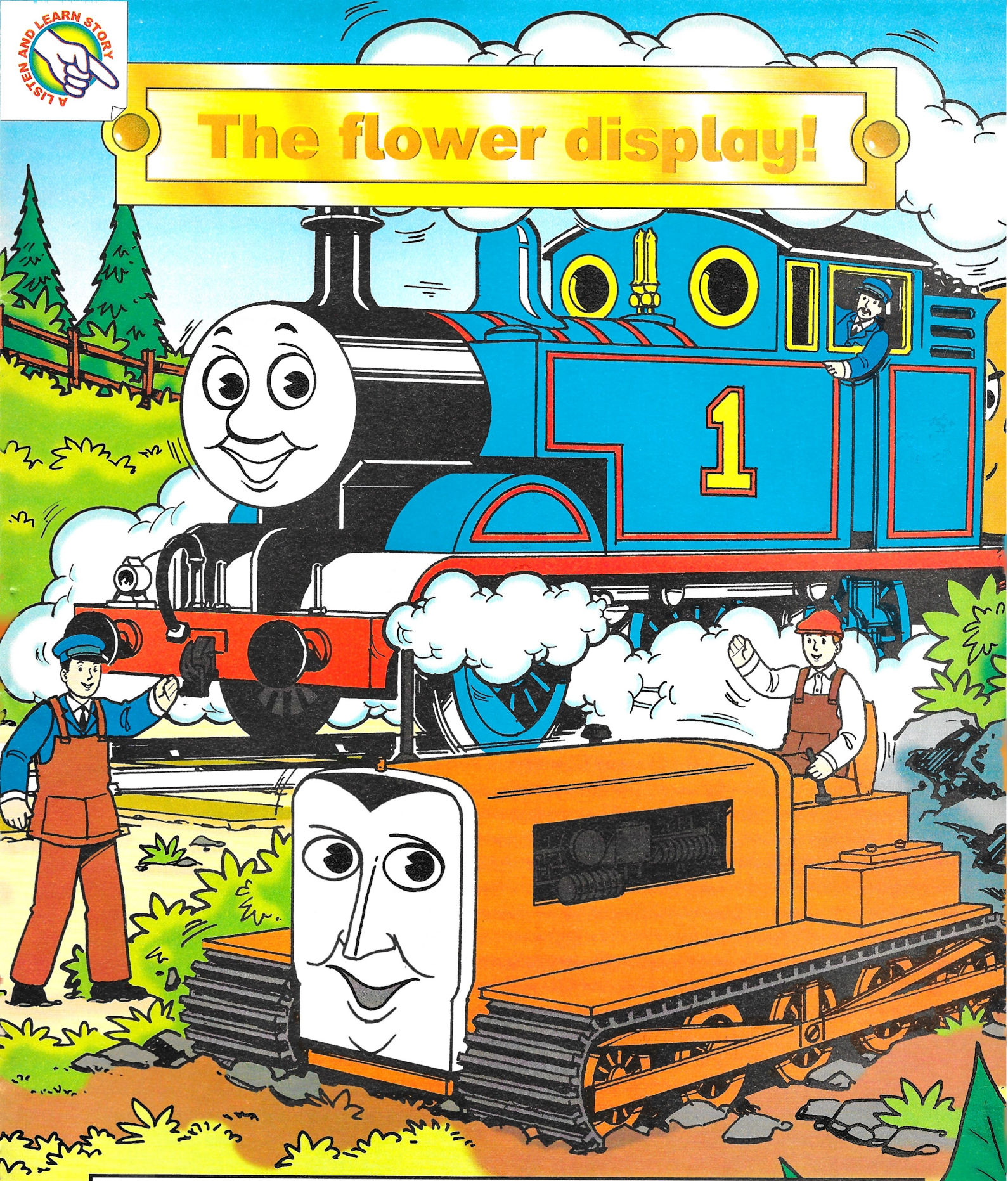
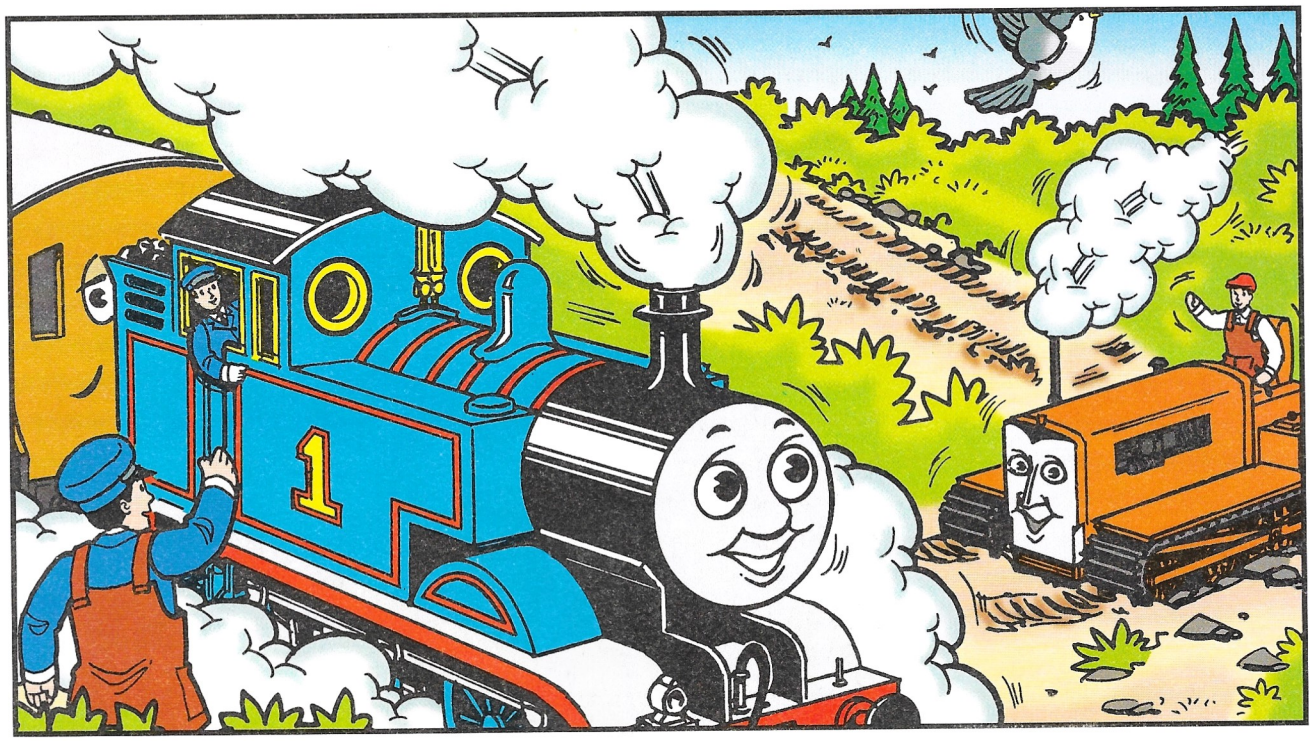


1. Thomas was taking some workmen and their equipment on his branch line. The men were laying a special line through a new cutting.

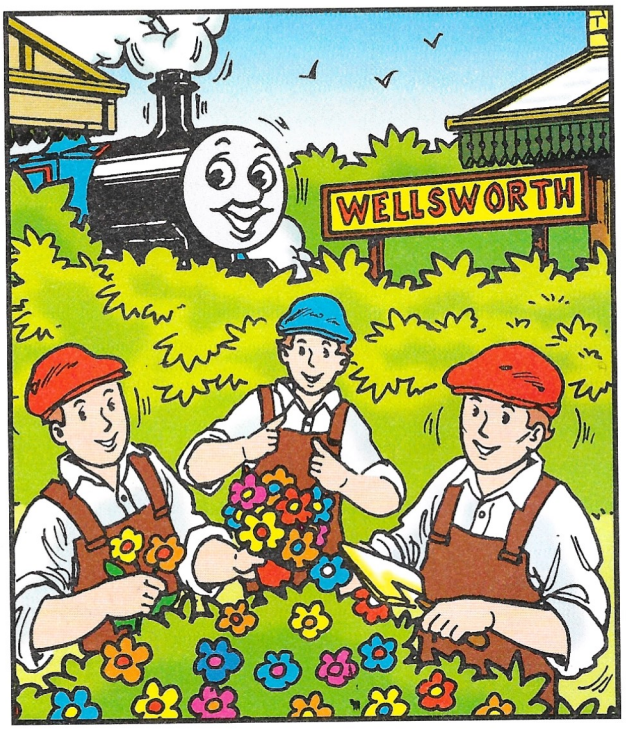
2. Thomas also pulled trucks full of soil that Terence the Tractor had cleared for the new line. "I'm a Really Useful Engine!" said Thomas.



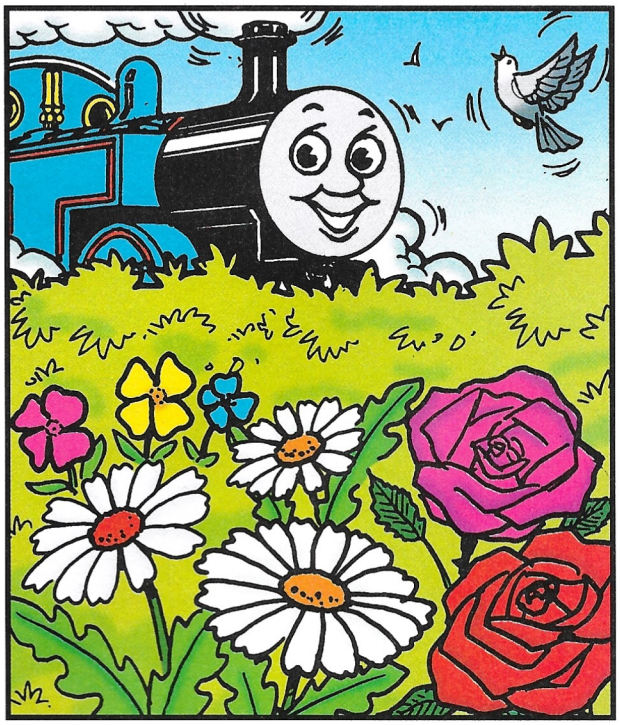
3. Thomas and Terence worked hard until the new track was ready. But on each side of the shiny new rails was a steep slope of earth.

4. "The slopes will be sown with grass and wild flowers," said Thomas's driver. "It will all take a while to grow!" But Thomas's job was finished.

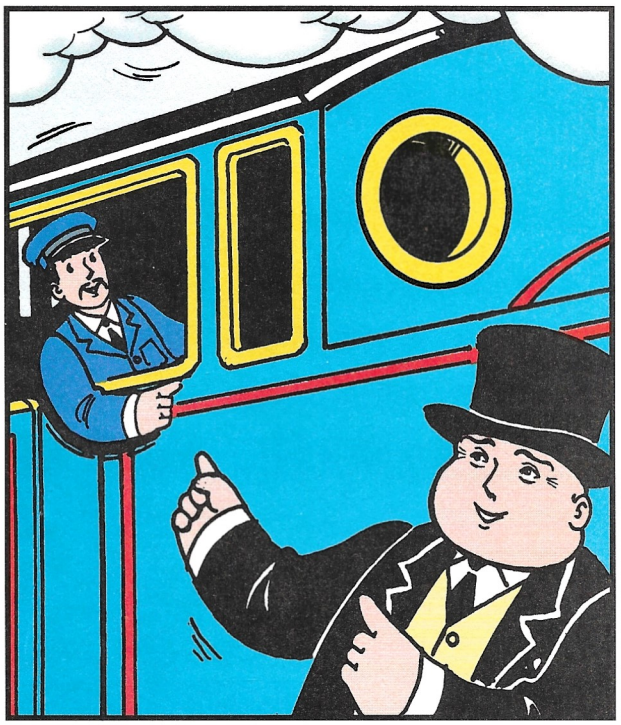
5. Next morning, the Fat Controller sent him to collect lots of plants from a station beside a garden centre. They were to go to Wellsworth park.



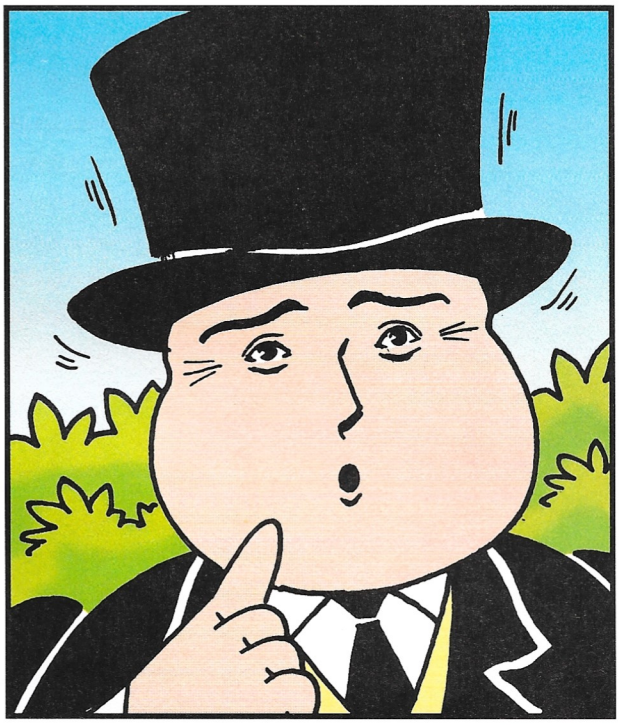
6. The plants were unloaded at Wellsworth Station. As Thomas waited, he saw gardeners sowing the plants into the park flower beds.



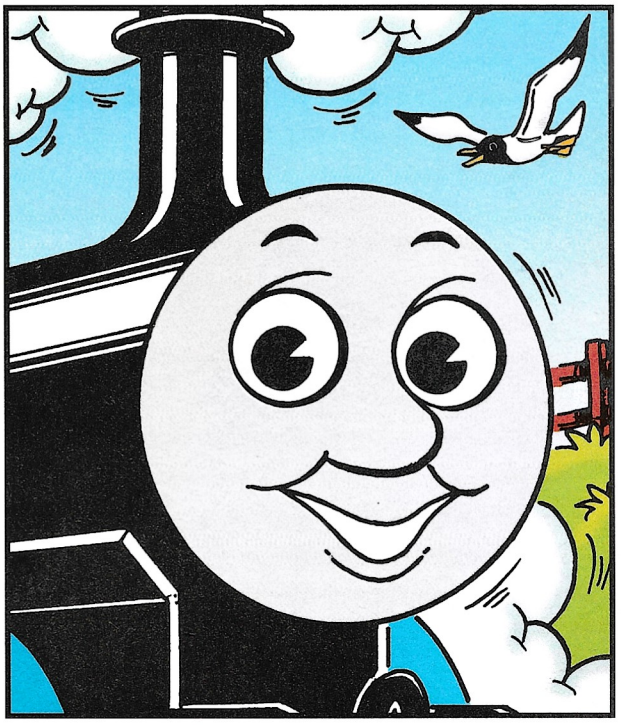
7. The plants were bursting with flowers. Thomas thought they looked very colourful. Back at the Main Station, the Fat Controller was worried.



8. "People have rung me to complain about the new cutting," he told Thomas's driver. "They say its empty slopes spoil the countryside!"



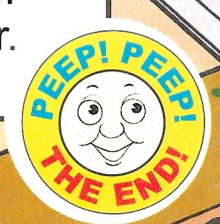
9. "The slopes will look fine when the new seeds have grown," said Thomas's driver. "What can we do until then?" wondered the Fat Controller.



10. Thomas had an idea. He told the Fat Controller who sent him back to the garden centre to get more plants. So Thomas steamed on his way.

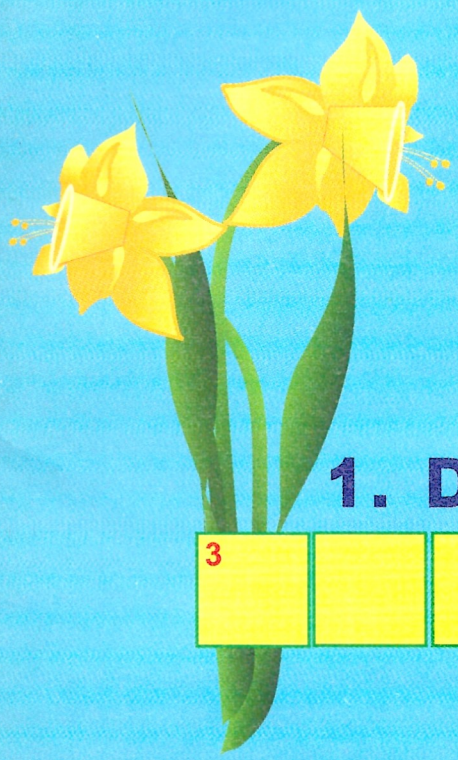
11. Thomas took all the plants to the new cutting. Before long, workmen were busily planting them into the slopes beside the track. When everything was ready, the Fat Controller arranged for a special train to take visitors there for the grand opening of the display.

12. Thomas was very proud when he was chosen to pull the special train. And he was even prouder when everyone admired the new cutting. It was planted out with flowers of every colour. "We must thank Thomas!" smiled the Fat Controller. "It was his bright idea!"



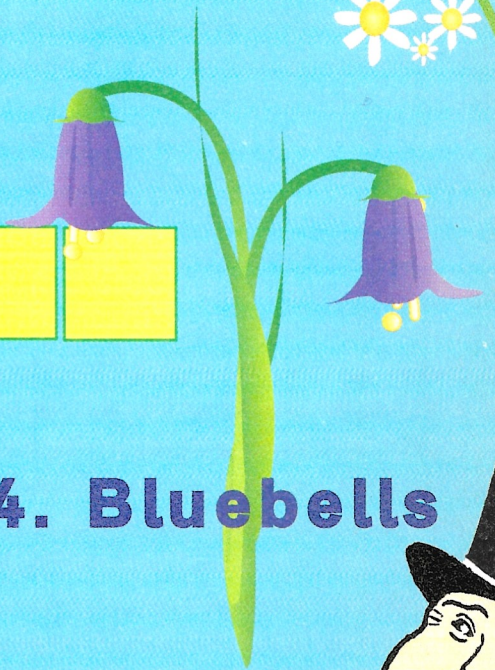
Flower puzzle!

Can you help the Fat Controller write the names of all the flowers below into their correct positions on the word grid? Each flower has its name plus a number printed alongside, to help you find its true position on the grid. We've already written the word 'Daffodils' into its correct space - now the rest is up to you!



1. Daffodils

2. Daisies



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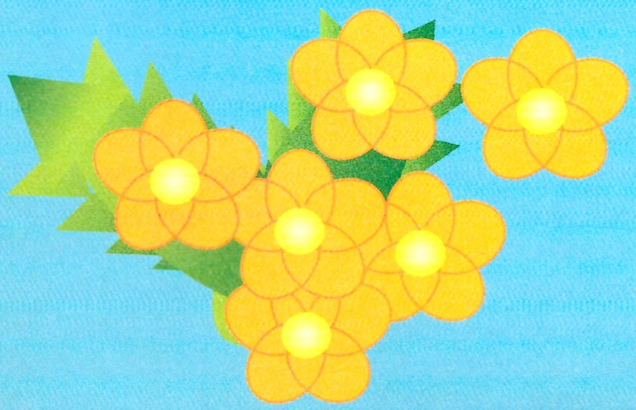

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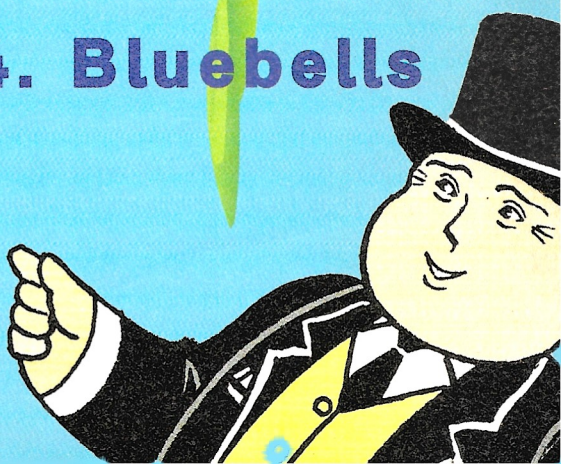

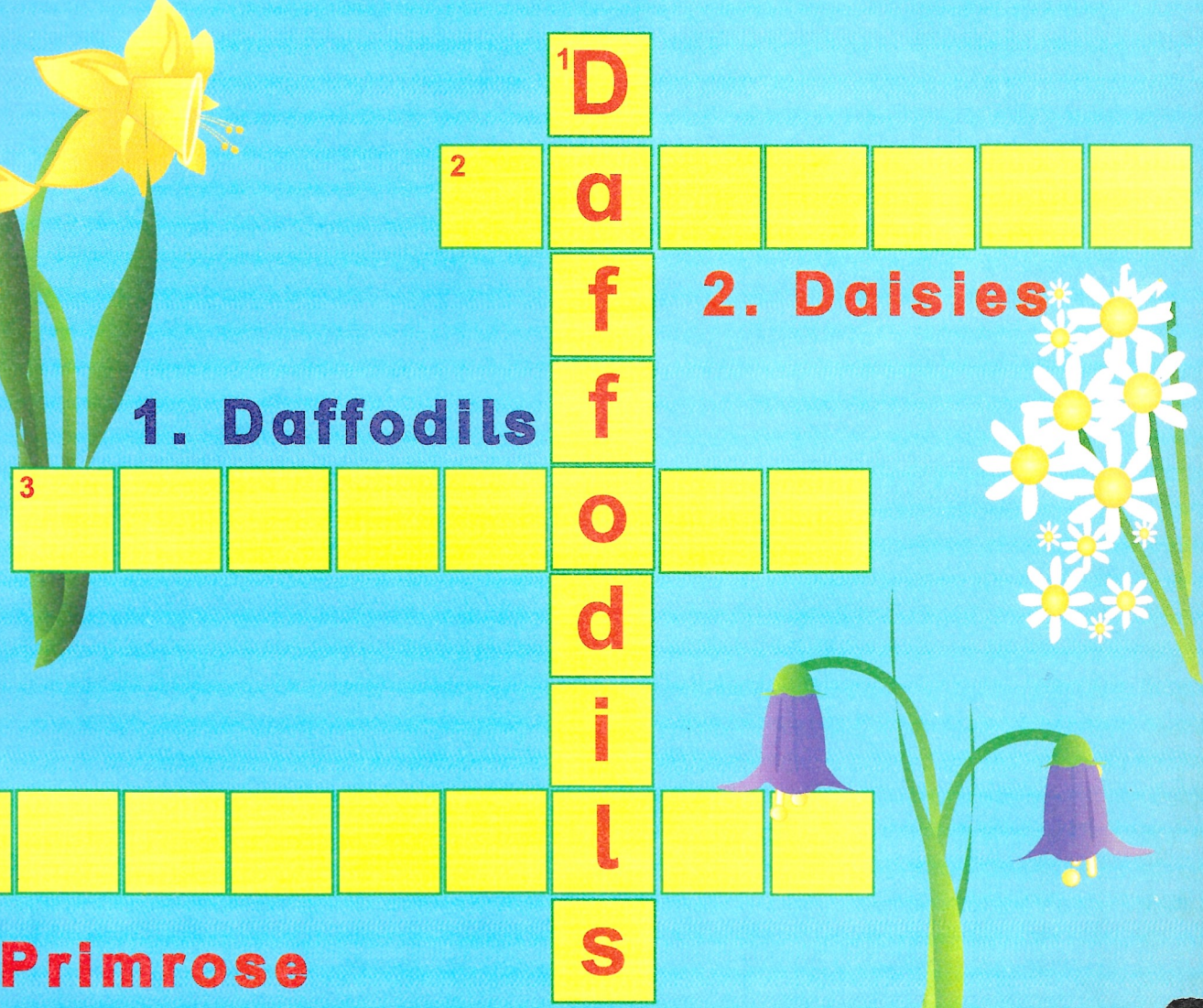

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